

Military Spouse License Transfer Options

KANSAS LAW

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48-3406. Expedited state licensure procedure if licensed, registered or certified in another state for military servicemembers or military spouses

(a) For the purposes of this section:

(1) “Licensing body” means an official, agency, board or other entity of the state which authorizes individuals to practice a profession in this state and issues a license, registration, certificate, permit or other authorization to an individual so authorized;

(2) “military servicemember” means a member of the army, navy, marine corps, air force, air or army national guard of any state, coast guard or any branch of the military reserves of the United States; and

(3) “military spouse” means the spouse of an individual who is currently in active service in any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any licensing body shall:

(1) Upon submission of a completed application, issue a license, registration or certification to a nonresident military spouse, so that the nonresident military spouse may lawfully practice the person’s occupation; and

(2) upon submission of a completed application within six months following release from military service, issue a license, registration or certification to a military servicemember with an honorable discharge so that the military servicemember may lawfully practice the military servicemember’s occupation.

(c) A military servicemember with an honorable discharge or nonresident military spouse shall receive a license, registration or certification under subsection (b) of this section:



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(1) Pursuant to applicable licensure, registration or certification by endorsement, reinstatement or reciprocity statutes of the licensing body of this state for the profession license, registration or certification within 60 days from the date a complete application was submitted; or

(2) if the professional practice act does not have licensure, registration or certification by endorsement, reinstatement or reciprocity statutes, then, at the time of application, the military servicemember or nonresident military spouse:

(A) Holds a current license, registration or certification in another state, district or territory of the United States with licensure, registration or certification requirements that the licensing body determines are equivalent to those established by the licensing body of this state;

(B) has not committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for the limitation, suspension or revocation or that the applicant has never been censured or had other disciplinary action taken or had an application for licensure, registration or certification denied or refused to practice an occupation for which the military servicemember or nonresident military spouse seeks licensure, registration or certification;

(C) has not been disciplined by a licensing, registering, certifying or other credentialing entity in another jurisdiction and is not the subject of an unresolved complaint, review procedure or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a licensing, registering, certifying or other credentialing entity in another jurisdiction nor has surrendered their membership on any professional staff in any professional association or society or faculty for another state or jurisdiction while under investigation or to avoid adverse action for acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct which would constitute grounds for disciplinary action in a Kansas practice act;

(D) pays any fees required by the licensing body of this state; and

(E) submits with the application a signed affidavit stating that the application information, including necessary prior employment history, is true and accurate. Upon receiving such affidavit, the licensing body shall issue the license, registration or certification within 60 days from the date a complete application was submitted, to the military servicemember or nonresident military spouse on a probationary basis, but may revoke the license, registration or certification at any time if the information provided in the application is found to be false. Any probationary license issued under this subsection to a military servicemember or nonresident military spouse shall not exceed six months.

(d) Any person who has not been in the active practice of the occupation during the two years preceding the application for which the applicant seeks a license, registration or certification may be



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required to complete such additional testing, training, mentoring, monitoring or education as the Kansas licensing body may deem necessary to establish the applicant's present ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

(e) A nonresident military spouse licensed, registered or certified under this section shall be entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as are provided by the licensing body for Kansas residents, except that revocation or suspension of a nonresident military spouse's license, registration or certificate in the nonresident military spouse's state of residence or any jurisdiction in which the nonresident military spouse held a license, registration or certificate shall automatically cause the same revocation or suspension of such nonresident military spouse's license, registration or certificate in Kansas. No hearing shall be granted to a nonresident military spouse where such nonresident military spouse's license, registration or certificate is subject to such automatic revocation or suspension except for the purpose of establishing the fact of revocation or suspension of the nonresident military spouse's license, registration or certificate by the nonresident military spouse's state of residence.

(f) In the event the licensing body determines that the license, registration or certificate currently held by the military servicemember or nonresident military spouse under subsection (c)(2)(A) is not equivalent to those issued by the licensing body of this state, the licensing body may issue a temporary permit for a limited period of time to allow the military servicemember or nonresident military spouse to lawfully practice the military servicemember's or nonresident military spouse's occupation while completing any specific requirements that are required in this state for licensure, registration or certification that was not required in the state, district or territory of the United States in which the military servicemember or nonresident military spouse was licensed, registered, certified or otherwise credentialed.

(g) A licensing body may grant licensure, registration, certification or a temporary permit to any person who meets the requirements under this section but was separated from such military service under less than honorable conditions or with a general discharge under honorable conditions.

(h) Each licensing body may adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement and carry out the provisions of this section.

(i) This section shall not apply to the practice of law or the regulation of attorneys pursuant to K.S.A. 7-103, and amendments thereto.

